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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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NO EXCUSE

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"And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."—Luke 14:15-20.

In a certain sense, my friend, this parable seems to be untrue to life. Here was a man who made a great supper and bade many, but the people all with one consent said, "We cannot come." Usually when people receive an invitation to a banquet they accept that invitation, but these people without exception made excuse. I say, this parable seems to be untrue to life, yet it is not. You and I are invited to a great supper. We are invited to eat heavenly manna and drink water that springs up into life eternal. Yet everywhere I have been to preach the gospel I find somebody making some fool excuse for not accepting Christ. If I should come to every one of you who is not a Christian and ask you why you are not a Christian, you would give me some crazy, fool excuse for rejecting Jesus. But I do not care what your excuse may be—that very excuse is a strong reason why you ought to be a Christian.

The Prosperous Man
The first man of the parable

said, "I have bought a piece of ground and I must needs go and see it." If I were going to buy a piece of ground, I would look

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Dr. Monroe Parker

"Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People, Saith Your God"

—ISA. 40:1.

Yes, Christians are commanded to bring comfort to God's people. The writer of Hebrews tells Christians, "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" (Heb. 12:12). Paul tells us that God comforts us, "that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (II Cor. 1:4). God has troubled saints who need your comfort. There are discouraged workers who need their feeble hands strengthened and their feeble knees supported. All about you are Christians who need to be told again that God loves them, that God will provide for their needs, that God will never forsake them.

Through the years God has often led me to preach sermons of comfort both in my own pastorate and in special services to Christians in revivals. Thank God, I have seen people throw away their financial worries and have perfect assurance of God's daily care, when I preached on Philippians 4:5-7 or on the words of Jesus in Matthew 5. I have preached to the bereaved at many a funeral, and many have said that their whole outlook on life was changed to get a glimpse of Heaven and the loving care of God for those who sorrow. I have preached on "Power to the Faint," and discouraged preachers, tired mothers, wearied business men have found the perfect source of

strength for all the harried and burdened Christians in the world.

So now at last I have felt led of God to prepare a book particularly for the purpose of comforting and cheering up Christians.

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THE NAME OF JESUS

By EVANGELIST LENNARD DARBEE
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"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

John Stuart Mill once spoke of "a mind that could not find God and a heart that could not do without Him." As the needle of a compass trembles until it points north, so no man can find rest until he has come to the Saviour. Recently a prominent Jewish author declared, "I have been on the point of baptism several times... the eyes of Jesus have followed me for years." And Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof says, "The personality of Jesus was such that His sonship to God was manifestly evident. He is still the Living Comrade of countless lives. No Moslem ever sings: 'Mohammed, Lover of My Soul,' nor does any Jew ever say of Moses, 'I Need Thee Every Hour.'... Christianity will always have a message to proclaim."

The need of a Saviour has ever been the cardinal necessity of mankind. Listen to the cry of Socrates: "Plato, Plato, it may be that the Deity can forgive sins, but I don't see how!" Plato never forgot that poignant cry. Years later he in turn said to his disciples, "We will wait for one, be he a God or an inspired man, to instruct us in our duties and to take the darkness from our eyes."

My friends, we need not despair, for such an One has come: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." And I submit to you that the surest hope and the most penetrating comfort that can come to a man is found in the name of Jesus, that glorious, that imperishable, that unchanging name through which God, by His Holy Spirit, offers salvation to every age; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The One who bore that name was the music of Israel's sweetest harps and the light that burned in prophecy. Today it is the same: Only Jesus satisfies. He wrestles with us like God, with a grip we cannot shake. When we touch Him we contact reality.

In the beginning names had to be invented and the name chosen was either a memorial or a description. The dying mother, upon being informed that her husband was dead and the ark taken, named her babe Ichabod, "The Glory Is Departed." His name

was to serve as a memorial of that tragic hour. Other children were named in conformity to some physical characteristic or



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personality trait; Jacob, "Supplanter," "Cheat." The right to determine a child's name belongs to the parents, and, when it came to naming the world's Saviour, the point was settled by God, not only because the Lord Jesus was His Son in a unique sense, but because He alone could gauge the full implications of the name. What terrifying name would He choose? The name Jehovah struck such awe into the Jewish mind that no scribe copied it without donning new or freshly-washed apparel and using a fresh quill to write that one word. But divine greatness is unostentatious. The simplest word in the English language is the Word God; the next simplest is the name Jesus.

Why Jesus? "He shall save his people from their sins." God showed His hand in creation, but His heart in redemption. No angels can remove my iniquities from me. They weigh too heavily upon the scales of Heaven's justice. But Jesus! Here is blood purer than that of any pigeon. Here we find One who suffered more sorrows than any mourning turtledove, who bore more burdens than all bullocks who took on Himself more sins than any scapegoat.

Why Jesus? "Now these be the last words of David... He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass

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With the Evangelists

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By the Editor

Dr. Merv. E. Rosell Has 728
Professions of Faith in San
Fernando Valley
Campaign

In what many of the thirty-eight cooperating pastors said was

the greatest revival they have witnessed in many years, Dr. Mervin E. Rosell closed a campaign in the San Fernando Valley in California which ran for three weeks in June. Conducted by Christ for Greater Los Angeles, who have been promoting union meetings for the past four or five years in the metropolitan area, in and around Los Angeles, this was one of the most successful endeavors in their experience. In a tent located in the center of the Valley, churches from the following communities participated in this meeting: North Hollywood, Burbank, Van Nuys, Roscoe, Sherman Oaks, Reseda, Canoga Park, San Fernando, Sunland and Tujunga. A large delegation of these pastors was on the platform each night. The unity and splendid spirit of fellowship among the sponsoring ministers was remarkable.

The large tent seating 2,000 was crowded to capacity the very first night, and in spite of the 500 additional chairs people were compelled to stand on several occasions and others turned away. In the opening service, when the invitation was given, more than twenty responded, accepting Christ for the first time. This experience was repeated in every service during the entire three weeks, including an echo meeting which was held on the Monday night following the close of the meeting and which

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"Sir, We Would See Jesus"

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

The Grecian Jews who came up to worship at the feast, and longed to see the Lord Jesus, are typical of thousands of others in every age who hunger to know Jesus, to find

"And there were certain Greeks, among them that came up to worship at the feast; the same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus." —John 12:20, 21

warned, "You need not expect to see people saved here like you do in the States. People are more conservative in Canada." And at least a hundred pastors, I suppose, have lamented to me that their fields of labor were each one, "A very peculiar situation," or "People here are more indifferent than they are elsewhere."

The plain, simple fact, clearly taught in the Scripture, is that millions of people have hungry hearts and are ready to hear the gospel. All people everywhere are sinners, with a bent to sinning—but a deep unrest, or the wages of sin, or the fear of death, or the heartache of a great bereavement, or the influence of serious illness—

all these lead men to cry out for God and peace of heart and assurance of salvation from sin and a home in Heaven.

The Saviour said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). Jesus was simply saying that everywhere, in all ages and all climes, among all races and in every strata of society, there are many, many hungry hearts who long for what a Christian has, and who can be won if we go to them with our gospel!

How Many Bible Cases There Were of Hungry Hearts Seeking Salvation!

How well Jesus knew the human

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at it before I paid for it, but this man has bought the ground and now he is going to see if it is any good. Of all people in the world who ought to accept the invitation to eat bread in the kingdom of God it is the man whom God has blessed materially. This man was invited to an earthly banquet, but Jesus had reference to a heavenly banquet when He told the parable.

This man is typical of many who excuse themselves from the invitation to the heavenly banquet by saying, "I have bought some ground," or "I have bought some stock," or "I have bought some bonds and my time is occupied with material things." I repeat—of all people who ought to accept Jesus Christ, it is the man whom God has blessed materially—and in one sense this includes us all. We live in God's world; we eat God's food; we drink God's water and live a life that God made. I think the most contemptible person on earth is an ingrate—the man who will receive blessings at my hand but when I need him, turns a cold shoulder—a man who will receive the blessings of God but has no appreciation to God for them.

The Working Man

The second man of the parable said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen and I must needs go and prove them." Of all the people who ought to accept the Lord Jesus Christ it is those typified by this man. He was a working man. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Of all people, no one needs God more than the working man. Jesus Christ wants to bear your burdens. "Casting all your care upon him, for He careth for you." Suppose I should go down the street with a heavy load on my shoulder. You come along in an automobile and ask me if I would like to ride. I get in the car and we go down the street but you notice that I still have the load on my shoulder. You say,



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"Why don't you put your load down on the floor of the car or on the back seat?" I say, "You have been so good to give me this ride, I am not going to ask you to carry my load, too." How foolish that would be! Yet there are some Christian people who have not cast their cares upon Jesus, but if you are His, He carries your burden whether you carry it or not. How wonderful it is to know that it matters to Him concerning us!

The Married Man

Then of all people in the world who ought to accept the invitation to eat bread in the kingdom of God it is the third man in the parable—the man who had just married a wife. It seems to me that a young man who had been eating a bride's cooking would be glad of an opportunity to go out to supper! I have attended many weddings, but usually when the ceremony is over they go to the bride's home or to the home of a friend for the reception and a big supper. But this man said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."

This may be a very good excuse, but it seems to me to be a poor one. I am sure it is not an acceptable excuse for rejecting the invitation to "eat bread in the kingdom of God." Of all people in the world who ought to be a Christian it is the man who has just married a wife. You have no right to build a home and bring children into the world unless you bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. You have a legal right to do it, but you have no moral right. To live without God and to influence your children to live without Him is to damn those children. Jesus Christ is the solution to the trouble and problems of our home life. Happy is the home of which it can be said, "Jesus is the Head of this home."

All Kinds of Excuses

As I have gone around over the country and dealt with people about their need of Christ, I have had them to give me all the excuses it is possible to give. Somebody says, "I would be a Christian but there are so many hypocrites in the church. There are hypocrites in the church, but that is no excuse. There are quack doctors, but you do not refuse to call a doctor when the baby is sick. There are quack druggists, but you do not refuse to get a prescription filled. There are quack lawyers, but you do not refuse to go to court when it is necessary. There is counterfeit money, but you do not refuse to get your checked cashed. Then why in the name of common sense do you refuse to get your name identified with God because there are counterfeit Christians? Counterfeit money could not be passed on to anyone if there were not genuine money. And there could be no such thing as counterfeit Christians if there were no genuine Christians. If you can hide behind a tree, you must be smaller than the tree; and if you hide behind a hypocrite in the church, you must be smaller than he is."

Hypocrites

Somebody says, "I am just as good as the hypocrite in the church." Is that how good you are? Well, Jesus said that except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom. If you are as good as the hypocrite, you will go to Hell. Don't misunderstand. I am not taking up for the hypocrite. Jesus never did. When He found a poor woman taken in an act of sin He said, "Go thy way and sin no more. I do not condemn thee." He found another poor woman who was a terrible sinner and offered to give her water springing up into life eternal. But when He stood in the temple and looked into the faces of the scribes and Pharisees, steeped in their religious prejudices and pride, He said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . How can ye escape the damnation of hell?" If you do not like hypocrisy, you ought to be interested in Jesus Christ. He doesn't like it, either.

The most scathing denunciations in the entire Bible fell from the lips of Jesus when He faced hypocrites. The man who gives the excuse that he is not a Christian because of hypocrites in the church, virtually says this, "Jesus, that hypocrite mistreats You; therefore, I will spurn Your love and walk over Your body and trample upon Your blood. That hypocrite mistreats You; therefore, I, too, will mistreat you." If you do not like hypocrisy, then line up with Jesus Christ. Trust Him as your Saviour, for unless you do, you will spend eternity with hypocrites because every hypocrite will go to Hell. If you will trust the Lord Jesus Christ, you will never see another hypocrite when you get to Heaven. The very excuse that you give is a strong reason why you ought to be a Christian.

Unbelievers

Someone else says, "I would be a Christian, but I do not believe the Bible and I do not believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." God places the unbeliever in the same class with thieves and thugs and sorcerers and idolaters and liars and says that they shall all have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. It is the fool who hath said in his heart, "There is no God." In his head the fool knows there is a God.

Sometime ago I picked up in my car an old man who was standing on the side of the road trying to catch a ride. The old fellow sat down in the front seat of the car. We went on down the highway a little farther and I stopped for a young man. I asked the old man where he was going and he told me he was going to visit one of his daughters. He had just left the home of another daughter. He said his home was broken and his children scattered around over the country.

I said, "Wouldn't you like to have your home back like it used to be?"

He said, "I certainly would, but I can never have a home again."

I said, "My friend, God will give you a home. He will give you a home up beyond the stars."

The old man said, "I wish I knew that was true, but I have been such an awful sinner."

I said, "I don't care how far you have gone in sin, God says, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.'"

We came to the forks of the road and I had to stop to let the old man out. He said he would trust the Lord Jesus Christ as His Saviour. We bowed our heads to have prayer and I thought of the young man who was on the back seat. I turned around and asked him if he would bow his head and pray with us.

The young man said, "I do not believe in prayer. I am an atheist. I haven't been to church in five years."

I said to him, "I would not stick my neck out about that. You are going to church someday in a box and they will take you out to the graveyard and put you to bed with a shovel. I would not brag about it."

He said, "Well, I will duck my head while you pray." And he "ducked his head" as he called it and we had a word of prayer. The old man got out and went down the road trusting Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

I turned to the young man and said, "So you don't believe in God."

He said, "No, I am an atheist." "Well," I said, "you do not look like a fool to me, but you may be one." I began to discuss creation with him. He said he believed in evolution. I asked him if he could give me one case of the transmutation of species. He said, "I don't know what you are talking about." I asked him for his particular theory of evolution and he said he did not know what I meant. After a while the young man said, "Well, there may be a God, but you are not going to get me to quit drinking liquor and I am not going to quit doing this and that," and he named his sins.

Camouflaging

You will find it that way with ninety-nine per cent of those who claim to be atheists. They are not

atheists. They are just hiding behind that excuse. It is a camouflage and they are not willing to get right with God. So they say, "I do not believe." But if you are in doubt and don't know what to believe, give God a chance. Try Jesus Christ. When Nathaniel said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see." Put Jesus Christ to the test. Try Him and see. If you do not believe, that is an indication that you are in the dark and need the light. Pray, "O Lord, I believe. Help thou mine unbelief," and if your eye is single, your whole body shall be full of light.

Feeling

Somebody says, "I would be a Christian, but I do not feel like it." That is no excuse. We cannot afford to go by feeling. You do many things that you do not feel like doing, but you do them because it is your duty to do them. If you have gone on without Christ so long that you do not feel like becoming a Christian, you had better stop and think. You had better turn back before it is too late. Too many people are waiting for a feeling, but the feeling is the result of the fact. I have been saved for twenty years and I have never felt saved. But I have felt happy for twenty years to know that I am saved. Sam Jones said that feeling was moral perspiration. He said that if you get to work for God, then you will feel right. What would you think of a sick man who would not take his medicine because he says he feels bad? You will never feel like a Christian until you become one.

No Good Reason

I have heard all these and many other excuses that people give for rejecting Jesus Christ, but I have never heard a good reason. On the other hand, I could give you many good reasons why you ought to be a Christian. In the first place, you owe it to yourself. You owe it to God. You owe it to Jesus Christ. You owe it to those around you. You ought to be a Christian because it is the only thing that is right. Someone said to me, "I try to do unto others as I would have them do unto me." You cannot live up to the Golden Rule if you are not a Christian. In the first place, you have not treated Jesus Christ like you would have Jesus Christ treat you.

Every Man a Sinner

Every man without Jesus Christ has broken every commandment in the decalogue. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." If Jesus Christ is not your God, you have broken this commandment. And you have broken the second commandment because you have served whatever god you may worship. You do not have to have an image to be guilty of idolatry. An image is merely a circumstance. God speaks of those who set up idols in their hearts. Your idol is your ideal.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." If you have used the name of the Lord even in prayer—unless it was a prayer of faith, you have taken His name in vain.

Sabbath-Breakers

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." If you combed your hair last Saturday you have broken the fourth commandment. The old Jewish Sabbath began at sundown on Friday and continued until sundown on Saturday. Jesus Christ is the Christian's Sabbath. The word Sabbath means rest, and Christ is our rest. Sunday is the Lord's day. It is not a Sabbath. It is a day set apart to commemorate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a day of worship and service, and the Christian is not under the law, but if you are without Christ, measure yourself by the law. You will discover that you have broken every commandment. You have broken the fifth commandment because you dishonor those whose name you bear if you are not a Christian.

Murderers

"Thou shalt not kill." You are not only guilty of homicide; you are also guilty of suicide. Your sins nailed Jesus Christ to the cross.

In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,

Till a new object struck my sight
And stopped my wild career.
I saw one hanging on a tree
In agony and in blood.
He fixed His languid eyes on me
As near His cross I stood.
Sure never till my latest breath
Shall I forget that look.
He seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt
And plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilt
And helped to nail Him there.

Another look He gave which said,
"I freely all forgive."
This blood is for thy ransom paid.
I died that thou mayest live."

Adulterers

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Jesus Christ said that those who look and lust are guilty, but even if you have kept your mind so pure that you have never been guilty of this, if you are without Jesus Christ you are at least—according to the prophets—guilty of spiritual adultery.

"Thou shalt not steal." If you attempt to climb up some other way, you are a thief and a robber. You have broken the ninth commandment, for you have not only borne false witness against your neighbor, but you have also borne false witness against Jesus Christ. "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

"Thou shalt not covet." Selfishness is the basis of all sin. Selfishness and sin are synonymous.

Turn to Jesus

Friend without God, you stand condemned. You are lost and in need of a Saviour. There is no excuse for you. Will you not turn to Jesus Christ? He took your sins in His body and bore them on Calvary's tree. He poured out His soul even unto death. He died for you and He arose. He lives today and is able to save unto the uttermost all who come to God by Him. Will you come?

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The book is **God's Cure for Anxious Care**, with nine chapters. The first six chapters are particularly for comfort. They are:

1. God's Cure for Anxious Care
2. Never Alone; Never Forsaken
3. Water for the Thirsty
4. "Power to the Faint"
5. A Widow, A Pot of Oil, and God
6. "I Thirst"

Chapter one, "God's Cure for Anxious Care," tells the perfect cure for worry by taking everything to God in prayer, praying through and thanking God!

Chapter two has perhaps the sweetest lesson of all—that the Christian is never alone, never forsaken, held by God's constant watch care, protected by His never-failing love, by the very presence of the Spirit of God Himself in the body of the believer and by Christ, our High Priest, in Heaven.

Chapter three, "Water for the Thirsty," tells how every thirsty sinner can find perfect satisfaction for the longings of his heart in Jesus and how the Christian can find the fullness of the Spirit for soul-winning work, as well as joy and constant peace.

Some people believe that chapter five, "A Widow, A Pot of Oil, and God," is the best in the book. I do not know. I know that when I preached this message to Christians all over America, people have found their faith soaring, have found themselves able to believe that God will fill the vessels that they prepare. They have learned to see that whatever they have is enough, if only God really takes control of it, to use it and multiply it in His own way.

Chapter six, "I Thirst," simply tells how the Lord Jesus on the cross was tormented by the lack of every comfort, so He could comfort us. Just as the Lord Jesus paid our debt of sin so we could be forgiven, so Jesus thirsted that we might not thirst. Oh, praise the Lord for the assurance that all our wants and needs are perfectly provided for by a crucified Saviour who suffered the torments of thirst for us.

Help to Be Rich, Fruitful Christians

But happiness for a Christian is not only in learning God's sweet promises for us and depending on Him. Happiness comes largely by learning to do right and be in the will of God. So I have included one chapter to help you to love other Christians as you ought and to make them happy, and one chapter to help you love lost sinners and win them.

Chapter seven is "Affectionate Christians," and here I give Scripture after Scripture to show how God wants us to manifest our love, to "let love be without hypocrisy." I believe your heart will be richly blessed as you look into the affectionate heart of Jesus and see how pleased He was when John rested his head on that dear bosom, how pleased He was when the poor fallen woman stopped to kiss His feet as she washed them with her tears and dried them with her long hair! I believe it will be a rich experience to know how affectionate Paul was, what endearing terms he used, how he put his arms about preachers and wept with them when he said good-by. If you learn to be an affectionate Christian, it will certainly help to make you a happy Christian.

Chapter eight is on the text, "Sir, We Would See Jesus," and I go through the New Testament to show that there was many a hungry heart beneath a rough exterior. And I tell some remarkable experiences. We are publishing that chapter this week in the paper. Read it.

Chapter nine is, "I Will Love Thee, O Lord, My Strength." By the time one reaches the close of the book, I believe he will be making holy vows to love God better. And I have put in here a tender appeal to the unsaved to show how they ought to love God and how they can, by the blessed work of the Holy Spirit in their

hearts, if they will but turn to Jesus.

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—By the Editor.

The Name of Jesus

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springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant" (II Sam. 23:1-5). Yet of such an glorious One it was written, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). Blessed Jesus! Here are tears answering tears, blood answering blood, God coming down to man! May that name be in our ears joy, in our mouths honey, in our hearts melody, and in our souls the assurance of salvation.

The Associations of the Name

There is a warmth to old names which no new combination of letters can rival. No matter how pleasing to the ear, a new name is cold and meaningless. It stirs no memories and excites no expectation. But here is no new name coined in the courts of Heaven and carried to earth by angelic proclamation. As God the Son lay in a manger, many a mother was bending over the cradle of a little Jesus. In the high priest's family there were three so named, each of whom became high priest in his day. There was Jesus the son of Sapphira, the famous brigand chief; Jesus surnamed Barabbas; Jesus Justus the faithful helper of

Paul; Jesus the father of Elymas the sorcerer; Jesus the friend of Josephus; and Jesus the peasant whose cries would one day terrify Jerusalem. Now, why so many?

After the epic stand of American troops on Bataan and Corregidor, we had an epidemic of little Douglas MacArthurs. Babies of all colors and descriptions were named in honor of the general. Israel had had two national heroes named Jesus. The first was the great general who led them into the land of promise, for the Hebrew Joshua becomes Jesus when translated into the Greek, just as the English John becomes Juan in Spanish, Johann in German. The name Joshua means Jehovah Is Salvation, and the first great Joshua enhanced the meaning of the name. But the land was lost and, after miserable decades, it was a second Jesus, Joshua the High Priest who led them back, rebuilt the temple and restored their worship. To the Hebrew heart, therefore, the name Jesus struck a triumphant and blessed note, coupling new expectations to old memories.

The Meaning of the Name

"What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." We would not disagree with Shakespeare. There is no power in a name to either make evil good or good evil; yet exactness of thought requires ex-

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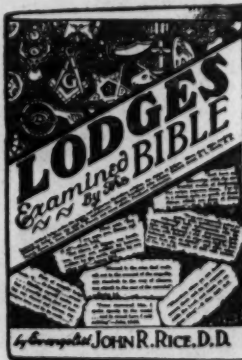
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actness of language, and the name Jesus was given by God because that is what Christ was in the Father's sight: The God who saves! He alone saves us from sin, from its guilt, its stain and its power. David states it succinctly in Psalm 103:3, 4: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

FIRST, THE GUILT: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." By the guilt of sin we mean that the sinner is responsible for his own sin, that the responsibility for it rests upon him and not upon another. Every man born into this world is born into the presence of a real righteousness. Romans 2:15 assures us that even the heathen "show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

A returned missionary from Africa told a friend of mine that, in their native state, there was not a moral black man or woman in Africa. They are all immoral; yet the funny thing about it is that each condemns the other for what he himself does. We, too, all know better than we do and this knowledge produces in us a sense of condemnation. This condemnation is not due to instruction, but to the very constitution of our natures. Wesley and Whitefield did more to prove the existence of God than did all theologians, and they did it by preaching on sin.

Some half-baked university professor may try to make you believe that there is no such thing as sin, that it's all a matter of relativity, of lines of latitude and longitude; that what is all right in one place is wrong in another—but don't fool yourself! You can't laugh sin off. Your conscience is stronger than your intellect and, rationalize as you may, your own nature furnishes within itself a witness whose competency you cannot question and whose testimony you cannot ignore. Our conscience exerts a lordship from which we cannot escape. We can neither deny nor ignore it. It commands and it forbids and it has teeth with which to enforce its mandates. Its rewards are among the greatest blessings which a man can enjoy, and our thirty thousand suicides last year bear evidence that its punishments are the most intolerable agonies that a human soul can endure.

There is no escape. Covered-up sin cannot get by, nor can we by rationalization escape the guilt which it brings. We all have known that a certain thing was right to do and another definitely wrong, and with our eyes open have repeatedly and deliberately chosen the wrong. Then the power which ceased to move us retreated to observe us, and there is no escaping that Eye. We are conscious that we must one day answer, not to ourselves nor to society, but to Someone! "My Lord Cardinal," said the unhappy French queen to Richelieu, "God does not pay at the end of every week; but at the end He pays!" We are men in chains, awaiting the sentence of the Judge; as God's Word puts it, "condemned already."

But "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." If we are in Him, our sentence has already been carried out. When Christ died, I died. The Righteous was made sin that sinners might be made righteous. The Blessed bore the shame that the shame might bear the blessing. The Anointed was despised that the despised might be anointed. The Holy One was rejected that the rejected ones might be made holy. The Life died that the dead might live. He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification"; therefore we need not quiver before the thought of death, nor grovel in abject terror before the thought of coming retribution. The guilt is gone! Angel voices,

as they swell their praises before the throne of the risen Christ, cannot begin to exhaust the majesty of this theme. How, then, can we with human voices, restricted vocabularies, limited minds, sin-swept lives and passion-swayed hearts ever worthily thank God for that matchless victory by which our deaths are changed from gruesome failures to eternal triumphs!

SECOND, THE STAIN: "Who healeth all thy diseases." Sin is a defiling thing. There is nothing that a noble nature abhors more than shame, and the most respectable sin leaves a scar on the soul. Moral death is worse than physical, and what shall we do with those open sores of the past? I am thinking of that young man dying in one of our hospitals who cried, "Bury my influence with me!" Oh, the overwhelming shame of sin! Many a man who cares but little for the guilt of sin is driven to madness by the thought of being found out. The lecherous person, the unfaithful, the thief, the liar—how they cringe and plead that their wickedness be not brought to the light!

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from the shame of their sins!" The scourging and the crucifixion show us what God thinks of the guilt of sin, but the Father saw in it something deeper, something horrible, loathsome, abominable. Need I tell you what God thinks of the shame of sin as we behold our Sin-Bearer subjected to spitting? What incredible madness is this, that men should spit in the face of God the Son? What infinite contempt! And yet, if He is to be our Sin-Bearer, He must bear the shame as well as the guilt. The sinner needs more than forgiveness; he needs cleansing. A lifetime prisoner with a fatal malady needs more than a pardon to thrill his soul; he needs a physician to heal him and thus give meaning to the pardon.

Do you remember that indiscretion in your youth which has haunted you through the years? I am sent to proclaim that Christ has taken care of it with a complete atonement. Do you recall how in a moment of time you sullied the honor of your blameless years? Do we deserve whipping? Yes, and above that spitting—not for what we do, but for what we are. But the blessed Jesus bore it in our stead. No wonder that the converts of the Dutch missionaries at Malabar refused at first to translate the Word of God as given to them! "Power to become sons of God? No! No! Rather let me translate it, 'To as many as received Him, to them gave He the privilege to kiss His feet!'" they said.

THIRD, THE POWER: "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction." Sin exerts an enslaving power, each sin weaving a thread in the rope that binds us until the sinner is completely in bondage to habit. God pity that girl who first starts to pet or that boy who takes his first drink! Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

We need more than an atonement. It takes life to redeem life, power to resist power. Sin is a ceaseless, undying power in our lives and we need a living Saviour to combat it. Many drowning men have been rescued, but no drowning man was ever yet rescued by a corpse. When a ship is to be directed through treacherous shallows it will not do to have a corpse at the helm. My friends, a dead Christ cannot do, but my Bible says of Jesus, "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

Years ago a Chinese came to this country and a Christian woman, seeking his conversion, extracted a promise from him to commit to memory the first three chapters of the Gospel according to John. Three days later he was at her door with the glory of God on his face. Said he, "I knocked one day at the door of Buddha, but all

I heard was the hollow echo of a tomb. I tried again at the door of Mohammed and asked concerning the dynamic of his faith, but there was no answer. The whole world knows where he lies buried. I sought of Confucius, but the dust of the centuries has gathered about his tomb and there was no answer. But when I started to read this Book I was seized with the overwhelming conviction that its Author was not dead but alive! I could not stop with the three chapters, but read on. The story of His death took all the heart out of me, but when I read of His resurrection it corroborated what my heart had already told me, and I have accepted Him as my Saviour."

With every drop of blood in me, I say, Thank God for a risen Saviour! I am not saved by a doctrine, but by a Person, a living Person! He forgives sins, He bears burdens, He works miracles. No wonder the Father named Him Jesus!

The Power of the Name

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus." What other name is there to match this? It is the gracious name which is woven into all our prayers and which is mingled with our highest praises. It is the name which it is my highest privilege and my most sacred duty to proclaim.

As Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, stepped from the Tower of London toward the scaffold that awaited him, he opened his Greek New Testament and prayed that God might direct him. His eyes alighted upon this verse, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." Instantly he closed the Book, saying, "Praise the Lord! That is sufficient for me now and through eternity."

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus." It is in that name divine that we sanctify the dearest relationships on earth. There is nothing which that name has not hallowed and glorified. The commonest things of earth have taken on a higher and holier meaning than they ever had before or ever could have had without Him. A virtue flowed out of Him into everything that He touched. Has not labor become nobler since He toiled at a carpenter's bench? Has not womanhood been elevated since a daughter of earth held the Son of God beneath her heart? Has not penitence taken on a new meaning since He forgave Peter?

I wish you could see that as I see it. The glorious news of the resurrection falls on Peter's ear, but he only bows his head in abysmal grief. "Suppose He is raised from the dead? What good does that do me? I denied Him. I cursed. No one would ever want me in the church again. Nobody would ever want to hear me preach. No; I really loved Him, but who'd believe me now?" Then certain women came and said that they had seen the Lord and that He had said to them, "Go tell my disciples and Peter! Go tell old Peter that I still love Him!"

I don't know what that does to you, but that statement of my Saviour's got such a hold on my heart strings that as I thought about it I just couldn't remain seated. I found myself pacing up and down like a lion, just praising God with a full heart. I had to do something or burst. Can't you just see it? Peter denies the Lord, but the blessed Son of God saw his heart and said, "He still loves me." Again came the denial, and at last the cursing. Was Peter lost? Not on your life! Who said so? Christ did! "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Peter's faith never failed him, though his courage did. What a Saviour!

When rivers cease their course to run,
And streams are dry;
When nevermore shall shine the sun
To light the sky;
When mountains all have turned to dust,
And rocks are gone;
When gold and silver turn to rust,
He still loves on.

Has not sorrow become more heavenly since He knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane? And has

not death itself been changed since He turned the tide of battle and wrestled from the last enemy the victory? Has not the grave become brighter since He rose from His, leaving behind the light which shines in every graveyard? And has not the cross itself, the very symbol of shame and degradation, been transfigured into an emblem of all that is dearest to the Christian heart and holiest in the Christian faith?

Not only things, but persons have been transfigured. Sinners became saints, fishermen became apostles, and publicans became disciples. As many as touched Him were made whole and to as many "as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

Yes, "He shall save his people from their sins." He wrought a complete victory for us and that victory has been enshrined in a name. Paul understood that; therefore his preaching was not so much a disquisition on some subject as it was preaching Christ. Listen while he states his theme: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." When he considered the law it is to let us know that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Is it justification? Then he mentions our "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Is it sanctification? "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." For endowment he simply says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." For rules of living, "To me to live is Christ." And when he seeks a motive for service he can only say, "The love of Christ constraineth me."

Perhaps some skeptic will observe that Jesus was Oriental and we Occidental. He was pastoral, we are industrial. He was spiritual, but we material. He had no concern for laboratories nor libraries. He was two thousand years from us in time and more than that in thought, and we may well ask, "Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?"

Over a decade ago I went to the humble cottage of a couple of my elderly church members. The little lady was dying and crying out in considerable agony. As I took her old, tired, thin hand in mine, I said, "Let's forget about the pain, if we can, and let's think about the Lord Jesus." She quieted down like a child and, realizing that the end was near, I said to her, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." I got no further. Suddenly a thrill passed through her body. Her face lighted up as the face of the dying Stephen must have done, and she cried out, "Look! Look! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! The past is all under the blood. My sins are all gone." Then calling her husband to her side she cried, "Look, John! Jesus is coming! Can't you see Him? Oh, look! His arms are open, and He's come for me. Let me go, Dear; I want to go!"

That day showed me what the name of Jesus can mean to a person. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). Have you done it? If not, put the name of Jesus to the test now and you will find that "old things are become new."

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The Editor in Akron July 6-25

As your editor, I feel I should report the campaign now in progress in Akron, Ohio. This is written Sunday, July 18. Today we close the second week of the campaign. And we go another week, through July 25, God willing.

I prevailed upon my brother, Evangelist Bill Rice, to come and lead the singing for these two weeks. Although a greatly used evangelist in his own right, Bill has had remarkable success in building a big choir, has gained the hearts of the people, and has borne many of the burdens of the campaign. It has been a great delight to have him working with me, helping in the singing, the promotion and some of the preaching. He leaves tonight for a union campaign in Fairfax, Missouri, where he will do the preaching. This coming week, Rev. Walter Keeney of Buffalo, New York, gifted violinist and fervent soul winner, pastor of the Buffalo Gospel Tabernacle, former song leader for the Clinton Churchill revivals, will be with us to direct the music.

Some Blessed Results in Akron

Naturally the campaign in July has many difficulties. It is vacation time, especially in an industrial city like Akron. The heat has been oppressive. The crowds began very small. But after much fervent prayer, God has now begun to bless. One night this past week there were fifteen professions of faith. Saturday afternoon exactly fifty children claimed the Lord out of about four hundred present. The work was very carefully done, with the same kind of sermon and an even more careful invitation than that given for adults. Saturday night there were probably twenty-five or thirty conversions, including some men (I have not yet received a detailed account). All were carefully dealt with in an inquiry room after I talked with each one personally as he came to take my hand. There was a deep moving of the Spirit of God. I expect that in the afternoon and evening services today (Sunday) we will have blessed results and the house will be jammed on Tuesday night for Sunday School night, as it was the preceding Tuesday. May God give a great reaping this week.

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heart! We are told that He "needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man" (John 2:25). I think that river of compassion that welled up in the heart of the Saviour and flowed continually grew partly out of His knowledge of the longings of the human heart. He looked on the people, restless, unsatisfied, like sheep having no shepherd. He knew, even far better than did the people themselves, the inexpressible longings, the sad remorse, the haunting fears, the longing for peace that welled up in hearts around Him. And Jesus found that many people sought Him out and longed to be saved.

There was a woman who came in, uninvited, to kneel behind Jesus as He reclined on a couch at dinner in the home of Simon the Pharisee, as we are told in Luke 7:36-50. She was a sinful woman, we suppose an abandoned harlot. Certainly she was notorious. She could not put into words the longing of her heart for purity, for forgiveness, and yet as she wept over the feet of the Saviour and then wiped the tears from His dusty feet with her hair, Jesus knew all her heart. He read her penitence. He saw her face and said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven." And again He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." She was one of those whose wordless cry was, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

But if that poor, sinful woman was down-and-out, Zacchaeus, the rich publican, was up-and-out. In Luke 19:2-4 we are told,

"And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way."

As Jesus walked down the road, He was looking for men like Zacchaeus; I wish I always were! Jesus looked up in the tree and said to Zacchaeus, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house." And we are told, "And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." Then Jesus said that salvation had come that day to the house of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus had his longing fulfilled! Zacchaeus found the answer to his cravings, found what all his riches could never give! He was one of those whose hearts cried out, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

None of the disciples believed that the woman at the well of Sychar was a good prospect for the gospel. None of the apostles expected her to be saved. She was a Samaritan for one thing, and she lived in sin for another, and they did not dream of trying to break down the barrier of prejudice that separated Samaritans and Jews. But this very woman, no doubt, and other hungry hearts of the town, were the reason why we are told in John 4:4, "And he must needs go through Samaria." No sooner had the matter been cleared up that one was to worship God in truth, that is, in the heart, until she mentioned her longing for the Messiah, and Jesus was ready to say, "I that speak unto thee am he" (John 4:26). She needed no pleading! A thousand times she had longed for a way out of her shameful life, a way to peace of heart, forgiveness of sins, and a hope of salvation. On the spot she was instantly converted and ran to tell others, and brought the whole town, nearly, out to see Jesus. And many were saved before they got to Him, so hungry were their hearts!

That only illustrates forcibly the Saviour's word that "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few," in Luke 10:2, or His statement at that very time about the little town of Sychar, that "behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Hundreds of hearts in that little Samaritan town longed and cried out, as soon

as they knew about Jesus, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

It is true that many sought Jesus for healing and many to hear His teaching and many from idle curiosity. But underneath the idle curiosity or the selfish desires of the people was this hunger in the hearts of many for God and peace and salvation. God's Holy Spirit had spoken to them. Their need called for Him. They needed Jesus. As soon as they well knew about Him they wanted Him!

How wonderful is the story of Cornelius and his household as related in the tenth chapter of Acts. Here was a man who prayed, who fasted, who gave his money, who sought God with all his heart. His was no satisfied formalism. His was no heathen nor man-made religion. His was the sincere seeking of a contrite heart after God. There were no Christians near, so God sent an angel from Heaven to tell him to send over to the town of Joppa and there get Simon Peter to come and tell him words whereby he and his household could be saved!

I have chuckled many times at Peter's report of how Cornelius and his household were saved. Peter said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). Peter, as he made that long journey to see Cornelius, had plenty of time to think about the sermon he would preach. He would start out with this theme—that all the Old Testament prophecies showed that the Saviour would come and that when one should put his trust in this Saviour, his sins would be forgiven. But Peter only stated his theme; he never got time to prove it. As soon as Peter said, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," Cornelius, his family and his servants were all saved! No one had to warn them of the danger of delay! No one had to plead with them to surrender! All they needed was just that someone should tell them how to trust in Christ and be saved! The rest of Peter's sermon could be saved for another time!

An unhappy heart is often found in the midst of violence and blasphemy. That poor jailer who thrust Paul and Silas into the inner prison, made their feet fast in stocks and locked them up without their supper, did not act like a man obsessed with the sense of his guilt, a man longing to be saved, but evidently that was the state of his heart. And there when he had heard Paul and Silas pray and sing Psalms, or when he was suddenly waked by the earthquake, he could find peace no longer, but inquired of Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" It was simple to tell him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," and the whole family was saved that night, was baptized, and rejoiced in the Lord. That wicked heart was a white harvest, though one would hardly have suspected it. In the most unlikely places people are hungry for God and want salvation.

Oh, do you suppose that when Jesus told the story of the lost sheep, there was no one who realized he was lost? Doesn't a poor sheep, bleating away in the dark, know he is lost? When Jesus told about the boy who played the fool and went into a far country and wasted his substance with harlots, and came to the hog-pen of poverty and shame and want—do you suppose that He did not know the longing of multitudes of human hearts? Do you suppose that one who has played the fool, wasted his money, ruined his health, brought shame and disgrace on his family, does not know when he comes to the hog-pen that he is a fool? Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great."

Multitudes Today Can Easily Be Won

As it was in Bible times, so it is today. There are millions of sinners who would rejoice with great joy today if they knew how to have peace and forgiveness and salvation! Many see that

sin leads to present ruin and eternal damnation. Many see that the wages of sin is death and that the way of the transgressor is hard.

One day on a Santa Fe train to Kansas City, I descended from my upper berth in the Pullman car, and after bathing and dressing, sat in the lounge car. "Some one may think I am showing off my religion," I thought, but after some hesitation, I opened my brief case and took out my Bible and began my morning readings. I had a specially good time in the eighth chapter of Romans, considering especially verse 32, and then I went into the dining car to eat my breakfast. Other men waited in line with me, and then three of us were assigned to the same table. I put my Bible under my seat. When I left, I noticed that one man, who had sat across the table from me, followed. I could not find a single seat in the coaches and I went back through the diner to the lounge car and the stranger followed me. When I found a seat, he sat beside me. At last, rather puzzled, I spoke to him and he said, "I saw you had a Bible. Are you a minister?" He was hesitant. He seemed to feel I might not like to talk about the matter. I assured him that I was a minister and immediately I asked him, "Are you a Christian?"

"No, I am not," he said, "and I am in awful trouble. I have just lost my wife and she is on this train. I am taking her back to California where her father is a minister. She was a good Christian. She was too good for this world. Now if I could only know that she had forgiven me for any lack on my part and that I could meet her in Heaven, I would be so happy!"

I need not tell you that there in the club car we went through Scripture after Scripture, making clear the plan of salvation. He came to his decision plainly and boldly and gripped my hand. His companion sat across the aisle facing us, and men all around us knew what was going on. All seemed reverent and this poor, broken hearted man was unashamed as he thanked me again and again. I feel sure that he was genuinely converted.

Throughout the day, as I went on to speak at Newton, Kansas, I was filled half with shame and half with joy. I was ashamed, so ashamed, that I did not beat him to it, that I did not make the way easy. But oh, how glad I was that he ran me down, in a fashion, to get me to tell him how to be saved!

Do you think that is so unusual? In July of the year this was written, in a Brooklyn tent campaign, my daughter Grace helped in morning services for children. She thought that with these Catholic and Jewish children she must go slowly until they learned some of the fundamentals of the gospel, so they would not be frightened away. But after a day or two or three, she told the story of salvation and how we could know our sins were forgiven and that we were born again, children of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Then she asked the little group, "Is there any one here who cares to be a Christian? Wouldn't you like to receive Jesus into your heart and trust Him to save your soul and forgive your sins?"

A little girl held her hand. Suddenly a bright little fellow held up his hand and said, "Well, Miss Grace, it seems to me that all of us ought to get that settled right away. Why couldn't we do that right now?"

Grace agreed that it would be a good thing to have it settled right now, and with the Scripture before them, this boy and others trusted the Saviour and claimed Him openly and seemed very happy about it. Then he held his hand again and when permitted to speak he said, "Why, Miss Grace, isn't it strange that none of us thought of that before! We ought to have done this yesterday or before that, the first day! Why didn't you think of it before, Miss Grace?"

Those children from Jewish and Catholic homes in Brooklyn had the same sense of their need

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

"We are carrying in connection with this appeal a letter which on July 1 we sent to all of the friends whose names and addresses we have who have helped Bob Jones University financially."

We are asking all of you Christian friends to read the letter carefully. We believe that you who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are interested in training Christian leaders will respond to the appeal we are now making. We sincerely believe that we are giving an opportunity to Christian people to invest some of God's money in a way that will bring greater returns than any money they have ever invested. Remember in contributing to this Student Loan Endowment Fund, you will help young people who cannot get a Christian education without your help; and while helping these young people train for Christian leadership, you will be helping at the same time Bob Jones University, an institution that stands without apology for the 'old-time religion' and for the absolute authority of the Bible. We believe you will respond to this appeal. So please let us hear from you."

Greenville, South Carolina

July 1, 1948

This letter is being sent to all of the good friends who have helped Bob Jones University financially.

On June 16 we closed our first year of the university in Greenville, South Carolina. We matriculated 2,717 students, and 800 of these were young men preparing for the ministry, and 500 were missionary volunteers. During the school year on week ends our "preacher boys" conducted within a radius of 150 miles of the university 6,461 services and led 7,865 people to the Lord Jesus Christ. These same "preacher boys" and many of our other students are out during the summer vacation winning the lost to our Lord. So you see, your money invested in Bob Jones University is paying dividends in time and will pay dividends for all eternity.

Please note this paragraph carefully. For fifteen years we have found that it is possible to pay all of the operating expenses of our school if our students can pay in full for room, board, tuition, and fees. Many educators have said that this cannot be done, but we have proved that it can be done.

Some of our finest and most talented students do not have the financial resources to pay all of their expenses. We have found a way, if our friends will help us, so these worthy students can pay their expenses in full and thus enable the school to pay its operating expenses.

For fifteen years we have experimented with a special plan of making loans to students. Some students only needed \$100 a year; others \$200, \$300, etc. We always give a student ample time to

pay his loan, and we charge only a very small rate of interest. So far we have not lost one penny on any loan we have made to a student under this special plan.

At our recent annual Board meeting, we decided to begin a campaign to raise one million dollars which will be the BOB JONES UNIVERSITY LOAN ENDOWMENT FUND. From this fund we will make loans to students who need help and give them ample time after they finish school to pay the loan. This will enable these students to pay their way through school and will enable Bob Jones University to pay its operating overhead. Then, when the students pay what they owe, the school will use the money to assist other worthy students who may need help.

You, of course, know that many educational institutions have an endowment. The endowment is invested in stocks, bonds, and mortgages and just the income is used for the institution. We will invest our endowment fund directly in worthy Christian young men and young women who need help so that they can go to school and train for Christian leadership. It is my opinion under our plan that we will not lose any of the money; but if we should lose enough to offset the interest income, we would still be better off with a million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund that we would be if we had the money invested in stocks, bonds, mortgages and just used the interest income for the school.

Now, my friend, we are offering you what we believe is the greatest opportunity you have ever had to invest some money for the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will contribute to this fund, you will help young people train for Christian leadership. Some of these young people will be missionaries, some ministers of the Gospel at home, and practically all of them in whatever field they may serve will be Christian leaders. In addition to helping young people get a real Christian education, you will at the same time help the Christian institution which gives these young people the opportunity to get a real Christian education.

We thank you for what you have done for us in the past. We hope you will ask God to direct you as to what He would have you do to help us raise this Bob Jones University Endowment Fund. May I suggest that you send as large a cash contribution as possible now and then from time to time send additional contributions. If you have friends who are interested in a real Christian program, please show them this letter and ask them to help us. Please pray for us. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

BOB JONES,

Founder.

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for God, their need for forgiveness and salvation as intelligent children everywhere else have when the matter is brought to their attention.

A flood of memories comes to my mind. In Dallas, Texas, an old man eighty-two years old heard me on the radio and wrote a card, saying, "The doctor says I am dying with cancer. I can't last long. Will you come and help me to get ready to die?" Two weeks later, when a young preacher went to call upon him, they had carried him to his funeral!

The lack there was not in the harvest. The harvest was truly great and ready and the fields were white! The trouble was with the labourers. Oh, God give us reapers!

The president of a senior class in a Texas college was the son of a Baptist deacon. He attended Sunday school each Sunday morning, young peoples' meeting each Sunday evening, and went to both morning and evening preaching services each Sunday. He deliberately elected courses in

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WITH THE Evangelists By the Editor

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was given over to music and testimonies. Though there was no preaching, when an invitation was given eleven more responded, accepting Christ, making a total of 728.

"Merv" Rosell, the smiling speaker with the singing sax, captivated the large crowd night after night by his unique method of acting as master of ceremonies and presenting the splendid musical program, which was an outstanding feature of the campaign as a large array of top Southern California talent was used nightly. The pastors in particular were loud in their praise of Merv's faithful preaching of the Word in an attractive, sane, heart-searching manner, coupled with graphic illustrations and personal experiences, which made his sermons powerful and compelling in bringing decisions.

So pleased are the pastors that preparations are going forward for another even larger endeavor in 1949.

Jack Shuler to Have City-Wide Campaign in Los Angeles in September

Christ for Greater Los Angeles is making preparations for a second annual Crusade for Youth in a downtown location, with Jack Shuler as the evangelist and J. Stratton Shufelt as song leader. This will be held in the same location as last year, at Adams and Grand, with a tent seating some 4,000. It runs for three weeks, starting September 5th. They are also making preparations for a union tent meeting in El Monte, with some twenty or twenty-five churches expected to cooperate, when Jim Mercer will be the evangelist.

Evangelist Covell Keenum, Decatur, Alabama, Winning Many Souls

We are glad to have a great report from our dear friend, Evangelist G. Covell Keenum, of 507 Third Avenue, W., Decatur, Alabama. This young evangelist is a pungent preacher, with remarkable power. In response to our inquiry, Brother Keenum writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Received your letter of July 6, and certainly was glad to hear from you. I still have my paper and a daily radio program five days a week, Monday through Friday. I have two tents and keep someone preaching in them most all summer.

"The Lord has been good to me this year. He has given me several good meetings. I was with the Clifton Hill Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee in March and the Lord gave us ninety souls. We had a deep stir among the Christians. One night after I had finished dealing with some men and women I walked back upon the platform and the pulpit was covered with Camel cigarettes. Two deacons, along with other men and women, were at the altar confessing their sins.

"I was with the First Baptist Church in Piedmont, Alabama, in May and we had 115 souls saved. We turned people away in all our Sunday services. The people said it was the best revival in the history of the church. About forty promised to start family altars, 125 promised to tithe. The last Sunday morning I used as my subject, 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken?' and twenty-two were saved. The people were down on their knees weeping out loud. The pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Longshore, is a gospel singer, and on the last night he said that he had sung for many meetings and had seen some good revivals, but never had seen such power before.

"In June we preached in our tent here in Decatur. The Lord saved ninety-five souls for us in the three weeks we were here.

"We have just closed a meeting in Austinville, Alabama and the Lord gave us forty souls in this meeting. In all these meetings we

had people called into full-time Christian work.

"I go to Spartanburg, South Carolina, tomorrow and from there to Baltimore, Maryland. I'll be with Rev. John Bissett in a tent that will seat 1,000 in Baltimore.

"I will not be able to be with you at Toccoa. I don't have a break until October 15.

"I feel greatly humbled when you ask for one of my sermons. I shall be happy to send you one, and it will be sent under separate cover.

"Trusting that the richest of the Lord's blessing shall be upon you in all your work."

(Signed) G. Covell Keenum.

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman Reports Good Revival

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman of 1235 N. St. Louis Street, West Plains, Missouri, a graduate of Moody Institute, an earnest preacher, sends the following very happy report of a tent meeting which resulted in many conversions and organization of a church:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I am writing to tell you of God's blessing in a tent revival which closed June 13. It was held in a spiritually destitute community. There was not even a Sunday School there.

"However, the power of God came upon the hearts of people and resulted in thirty-three conversions, many dedications, the organization of a new Missionary Baptist Church cooperating with the local Association and the Southern Baptist Convention. Thirty-three were baptized, the church organized, and a Sunday School started. We thank God for this great meeting.

"We are now in a tent revival at the Providence Baptist Church here in West Plains. Already several have been saved, and there is much interest, and we have two weeks to go. Pray for us.

"May God bless you and your work."

Evangelist Dan Vestal Reports Two Revivals

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Have just finished reading a sermon in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, so I thought I would drop you a few lines and express my appreciation to you for your great ministry. God is certainly using you in His great work, and I am praying that he will continue, and I know He will.

"Dr. Rice, I have just closed two of the greatest revivals of my ministry. One of them was in Waelder, Texas, in which there were forty-three additions to the church, with twenty-five of these for baptism. This was the greatest number of additions to the church in its history. There were also many rededications. Two men, seventy-two and seventy-three years of age, were saved, and many others.

"The other revival was with the North Side Baptist Church, where Rev. Jack Goff is pastor. There were fifty-six additions to the church, with thirty-three of these by baptism, and twenty-four true rededications. The church was greatly revived. Brother Goff said you are the greatest soul-winner that he has ever met. He knew you in the Seminary at Fort Worth, so he said.

"I am now in a revival with the Kashmere Baptist Church of Houston, Texas where Rev. T. S. Burrell is pastor. We are getting off to a good start, with some walking the aisle for Christ every service so far. This city sure needs the gospel, so continue to remember us in your prayers.

"Dr. Rice, you will never know how I enjoyed the evangelistic conference in Los Angeles, California, a few years ago; when you put your arm around me on that busy street and prayed that the Lord would use me for His cause. I yielded my life to God more than ever before. You told me to move to Fort Worth and start to Seminary, which I did.

"My present address is 4508 Wayside, Seminary Hill, Box 6214, Fort Worth, Texas. I attended the Seminary last term and enjoyed it very much. One of my courses was under Dr. E. D. Head who is a great soul. He is on fire for God.

"I continue to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD every week, and enjoy it very much. I also enjoy receiving and reading the books

that you send me from month to month. I am happy that I can be a member of your Book Club. Keep up the good work.

"You will forgive me for not writing you more often, but the Lord is keeping me busy. I know you are a very busy man. However, do remember me in your prayers, and I will do the same for you. I remain, always, a friend in the ministry."

(Signed) Dan Vestal.

Dr. Jesse Hendley in Wonderful City-Wide Tent Campaign in Dalton, Georgia

A letter from Brother J. D. Aderhold, pastor of one of the cooperating churches in Dalton, Georgia, sends the following report of Brother Hendley's campaign in his city:

"I am writing to give you the report of a city-wide revival service held here in Dalton, Georgia, by Evangelist Jesse Hendley, May 30th through June 16th. I would appreciate it very much if you will print this report in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

"Seventeen pastors of this area felt the need for a spiritual awakening so they prayed and planned for months for a city-wide campaign. Evangelist Jesse Hendley was asked to preach in the campaign and God greatly used his soul-stirring messages. The great tent, centrally located and with a seating capacity of about 1,500, was filled or overflowing every night of the two and one-half weeks the meeting lasted. During that time almost three hundred people accepted Christ as their Saviour and 114 young people dedicated their lives to the mission fields, if called by the Lord. Many of the converts have already united with churches and the revival spirit still lives on. Dalton will long remember this great campaign and many have already requested that Brother Hendley be brought back next year for another campaign."

An Evangelistic Pastor Reports on Blessed Revival

Sometime ago the editor and readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD were asked to pray for the work of Rev. Jon A. Pirtle, Pastor First Baptist Church, Chattahoochee, Georgia. Later a report came of a blessed revival within the church, and many saved. Now Brother Pirtle writes to report other revivals in his own church and elsewhere, which report rejoices our heart.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Just a line to let you know that God is still blessing us in a marvelous way and to let you rejoice with us.

"We had our spring revival this year in March, and God gave to us another glorious meeting. The evangelist that I had secured was unable to come, so the Lord seemed to have led in my preaching my own meeting again. God was good to us in that the real revival spirit was mightily felt in every service. We had a total of sixty-two additions during this meeting. God has all the praise, honor and glory for the fact that our church membership has grown from 750 to 1125 during the sixteen months of our pastorate.

"During two weeks of April, I was privileged to be in revival services at the French Broad Avenue Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. There God gave us over seventy additions, and truly a spiritual revival was had.

"The Lord gave us another great meeting during the month of May at the Sharon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. There were eighty additions there, and one of the deacons said that this was the greatest revivals held in the Sharon church since 1903. How I praise God for His goodness during these meetings!

"We have just ended one of the greatest revivals that I have ever had the privilege of being in, at the First Baptist Church, Ball Ground, Georgia. God gave us eighty-five additions there, and the whole town was stirred as the Spirit of God worked in mighty power every day and night of the meeting. The pastor and I were called to many homes during the days of that meeting to deal with people who had been unable to sleep the night before

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(Signed) John A. Pirtle.

"P. S. The one thing that is so glorious about these meetings is the fact that practically all of these additions were professions of faith."

Evangelist F. A. Wirth Reports Several Good Meetings

Evangelist F. A. Wirth of 221 South Main Street, Petersburg, Illinois, writes us of blessings of souls saved, in a number of campaigns, for which we thank God. Brother Wirth is a good man, is Scriptural, fervent, a soul winner. Mrs. Wirth goes along to help. Brother Wirth writes:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"We are in the midst of a revival meeting in Berean Baptist Church, Knoxville, Iowa. Pray for us that God will give us a Heaven-sent revival.

"Had a fine meeting the latter part of June in Watts Chapel Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Kentucky. Rev. Carvin Bryant, pastor. The church is located on country road, yet the building was about full every night. Sixteen came forward to accept Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. Many came forward to start again for Christ. The last Sunday afternoon the pastor baptized twelve in a small river near the church. The whole community was aroused and people started family altars and we had many evidences that God had visited the place.

"We spent two weeks in United Brethren Evangelical Church at Butler, Ohio. Rev. E. A. Rothgeb is pastor. Conditions were not right for a revival; yet ten came forward to profess faith in Christ. Many came to reconsecrate their lives to Christ.

"Spent a week at The Light-house Tabernacle, Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Floyd Morrow, pastor. God gave us a real awakening in the week meeting. Ten came forward to openly take their stand for Christ and confess Him as Saviour. Many others came to reconsecrate and dedicate their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Sorry that I could not attend the two Conferences this year. I know you had a real spiritual feast at each place. We remember you in prayer even if we can't see and hear you. You have been a real blessing to us and our ministry, as well as to thousands of other preachers and evangelists."

I understand that Brother Wirth has some dates open after August. We heartily recommend him. He may be reached at the above address.

Evangelist Fred Jordan in a Union Campaign at Elkhart, Indiana

A letter from Johnnie Hope, Director Elkhart County Youth for Christ, tells of a union campaign sponsored by Youth for Christ and forty-two cooperating churches, in which Fred Jordan brought eight of his staff of personal soul winners for two weeks of intensive house-to-house visitation, with preaching in the High School auditorium. The plan was to combine preaching and per-

sonal soul winning, enlisting and teaching others how to deal with sinners individually. Sometimes thirty teams of Christians went from house-to-house. It is reported that Sunday School attendance was greatly increased, the whole city was made revival conscious. There were 820 first-time decisions reported, 249 rededications. We are glad to have this report of a blessed revival and particularly glad that Brother Jordan is combining personal soul winning and revival preaching in New Testament fashion. A modern tendency, especially boosted by modernists, is to have house-to-house visitation without revival and evangelistic preaching. Another tendency is for Christians to let the preacher do the work and not to follow the New Testament example and command of personal soul winning. Praise the Lord for this blessed revival.

Dr. Hyman Appelman Has Seen 4,000 Professions of Faith in Australia

We are glad to have the following report of blessed results in the Appelman-Britton campaigns now in progress in Australia:

"To God's eternal praise and glory, there have been more than six thousand responses to the gospel invitation in the first three months of the Hyman Appelman Gospel Campaign in Australia. Of these, more than four thousand have been professions of faith. Tremendous crowds come and the superlative cooperation of outstanding evangelical pastors, churches, Christian leaders, the magnificent results have been greater than anything that has been witnessed in Australia since the days of Chapman-Alexander in 1912. The campaign continues to the first part of September. Entire denominations by unanimous vote are sponsoring the meetings, and plans are on foot to have a return engagement in 1951 or 1952. Evangelist Hyman Appelman and Gospel Singer Homer Britton are due back in the States on or about September 10th."

THE EDITOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

Readers are asked to pray for the editor in his heavy speaking schedule.

July 31, Saturday night, Greensboro, North Carolina, Youth for Christ.

August 1-8, *Sword of the Lord* Conference on Evangelism, Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia.

August 15, Sunday, Wheaton Bible Church.

August 16-20, revival services Lawndale Baptist Church, 2115 South St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

August 22-29 with the Northwestern Schools' annual conference at Medicine Lake, near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

September 5-12, revival services Highland Park Baptist Church, 25 Ford Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan (suburb of Detroit.)

September 14-October 3, First Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

October 4-17, tour through New England, sponsored by New England Fellowship, ending at Mansfield, Massachusetts.

October 31-November 14, union revival campaign, Shafter, California.

"Sir, We Would See Jesus"

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Bible and consistently made the highest grade in the class, higher even than young ministers. When I asked him, in his senior year, "Herbert, don't you want to be a Christian?" he replied, "Of course I want to be a Christian! How could I be the kind of man I want to be if I am not a Christian?"

And after he was saved he wept on my shoulder and said, "Nobody cared whether I was saved or not!" Let those who think sinners are all so hardened and unreachable ponder his case. Multitudes of people know they can never be what they themselves long to be, until they are converted.

In the Capitol Hotel in Amarillo, Texas, late one Sunday night after the evening service, three other preachers and I were in one room when the telephone rang, and a man in another room asked for somebody to pray for him. We asked him to come down to our room and he came. He had made \$26,000 the previous year, but his wife had quit him because of his drinking, life had become unbearable, and he had tried three times to commit suicide. I will never forget how the tears fell on the carpet and that young man, less than thirty, prayed, "O, God, help me to be the good boy my mother wanted me to be!" His pitiful confession of sin, his contrite pleading for mercy, his glad acceptance of the Saviour, remind me that all about us are multitudes who could be won if only we went after them.

I preached in the Evansville Rescue Mission, Evansville, Indiana, one Sunday afternoon on the duty of soul winning. A registered nurse went to the Welburn-Walker Hospital to night duty and said in her heart, "Brother Rice says I have blood on my hands! Oh, I have sinned in not warning people. I must try to win somebody tonight." In the first room she went to and asked, "Are you a Christian?" the woman sat bolt upright in bed and began to weep. She had had a major operation, but her fever did not go down. She would not sleep at night and the night before she had not even allowed the nurse to turn out the light in her room. Now she told the nurse that it was not the operation, it was not her health, but that her heart felt so guilty that she was afraid she would go to Hell if she went to sleep. "Oh, if I only had somebody to pray for me!" she said. I came the next morning, and have never seen a more eager case. How gladly she seized on the story of salvation, as a drowning man clutches a straw, or as a starving man reaches for bread! She was wonderfully saved, as soon as she could understand how simple it was to trust in Jesus Christ.

No doubt there are thousands, some of them very near to you, whose hearts cry out, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

Down in the human heart,
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Rescue the perishing,
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May God give us grace to rescue the perishing!

Anyone Who Shows His Concern for Sinners May Win Souls

What if the Saviour had not stopped and looked into the tree at Zacchaeus and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house?" What if Jesus had never showed the woman at the well that He was the Messiah? What if Paul and Silas had not been singing praises to God and having a prayer meeting that midnight hour in the jail? You see, people do not just come and say, "What must I do to be saved?" to people who are not

likely to know the plan of salvation, or to people who are not known as interested in such a question.

If I had not had my Bible open that day on the Santa Fe train, that poor, brokenhearted, bereaved husband would not have come to tell me that he wanted to be saved. How many times I have missed my opportunity because I did not appear as a soul winner, I did not let my light shine, I did not advertise for the Lord Jesus! If you never go after sinners, then sinners will never come after you, I fear. If you do not have a burdened heart for the lost and dying, it is not likely they will reveal to you their own burden. Oh, Jesus was right when He said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

I have received hundreds of letters from people who write to tell me that they want to be saved. And by following up after I had written to make the matter plain to their hearts, I have found that many of these have turned out to be wonderful Christians. Why did they not speak to a pastor in their community? Surely most of them had some loved one who was a professing Christian. Why not ask them? Oh, too often poor sinners dare not mention their hunger and their need to their dearest loved ones, and friends. Perhaps they are afraid of a smile; perhaps they feel we would not be interested. No doubt they often wonder whether we would know the answer to their questions. Why should people ask us about the Lord Jesus, unless it is quite clear that we know Him and love Him and can easily tell the way to Him?

"Sir, we would see Jesus," a hungry-hearted host cries out, unrecognized, around us. Most of them never put it into words. Some of them do not themselves understand what it is they need and long for. But uncounted millions could be won, if only Christian people would set out, with loving compassion, to urge upon all about us the need for salvation and forgiveness, and to make clear to all that salvation is free and received only by trusting in Jesus as Saviour.

Dear reader, is your concern for sinners so obvious that sinners feel free to talk to you about the Saviour? Oh, the way they flocked about the Saviour, these publicans and harlots and sinners! May we love them, too, as He did, and may our seeking love make us ready to bring them to Jesus, who is the answer to the cry of every sad and broken heart, every sin-sick soul.

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By GRACE JEAN RICE
Promotion Director

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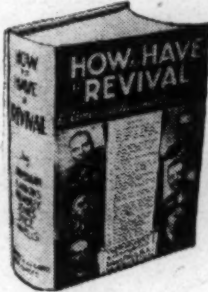


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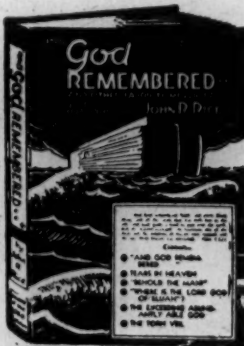
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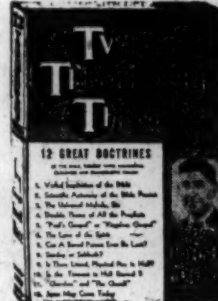
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